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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AFFAIRS

TO: EA - MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/ANZ - FRANK C. BENNETT, JR.

1. PAUL KEATING VISIT. THE AUSTRALIAN SHADOW MINISTER
FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY, PAUL KEATING, WILL CALL ON DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY WEDNESDAY MORNING. KEATING IS A
YOUNG, ARTICULATE LABOR MP WHO IS EXPECTED TO PLAY AN
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IMPORTANT ROLE ON THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. WE EXPECT HIM TO DISCUSS HIS
PARTY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD URANIUM MINING AND EXPORTATION, AS
WELL AS OTHER, ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL U)

2. SEYCHELLES TRACKING STATION. A NEGATIVE REPLY IS BEING
SENT TODAY TO A REQUEST FROM AN AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING

CORPORATION TV CREW THAT THEY BE PERMITTED TO VISIT THE
USAF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION ON MAHE IN THE SEYCHELLES.
THE REQUEST IS BEING TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF SEYCHELLOIS
SENSITIVITY OVER ANY PUBLICITY FOR THIS FACILITY. (LOU)

3. TRANSFER OF US-ORIGIN ARMS BY AUSTRALIA TO PAPUA
NEW GUINEA. WE HAVE CONSULTED THIS WEEK WITH PM/SAS
REGARDING A GOA REQUEST TO TRANSFER A SMALL QUANTITY
OF AMMUNITION AND CHEMICAL AGENTS TO THE PNG DEFENSE
FORCES. BECAUSE PNG IS NOT AN FMS COUNTRY, APPROVAL FOR
THE TRANSFER MAY HAVE TO GO TO THE SECRETARY. WE HAVE
ASKED PM IF THEY CAN COME UP WITH A PROCEDURE FOR
OBTAINING SOME SORT OF BLANKET APPROVAL SINCE THE GOA
MAKES REGULAR TRANSFERS OF THIS KIND. (LOU)

4. REVIEW OF DEFENSE INFORMATION COORDINATION.
AS NOTED LAST WEEK, WE CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED WITH DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OAKLEY AND COLBERT, PM/ISO,
INR/DDC/RPS, AND DOD/ISA REGARDING A REPLY TO THE
AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE DEPT FOR NEW PROCEDURES TO COORDINATE
INFORMATION ON OUR JOINT INSTALLATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. COOK ISLANDS ELECTION CASE. PETER CLARK OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MET WITH ANZ AND PIA OFFICERS
JULY 17 TO DISCUSS THE INVOLVEMENT OF AN AMERICAN STAMP
DEALER IN, AND HIS POSSIBLE INFLUENCING OF, THE COOK
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ISLANDS ELECTIONS. CLARK SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE FAIRLY
SENSITIVE ABOUT TIPPING JUSTICE'S HAND AT THIS TIME
FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING THE CASE. EMBASSY WELLINGTON
HAS SINCE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE
SUBJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO CLARK. (LOU)
CHRISTOPHER

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